

## Leopold WMD Regulations

More than 3,000 Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs) have been purchased in the Upper Midwest with funds from the sale of Federal Duck Stamps. These WPAs are open to hunting, fishing and trapping subject to all applicable federal and state laws, except where posted with "Closed to Public Hunting" \* signs. All WPAs are open to wildlife observation, hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, nature study, and photography. Your responsibilities below are designed to protect these prairie jewels of the Refuge System, and the people and wildlife using them.

- Public use is prohibited from dusk to dawn (open daylight hours only), except for hunting in accordance with state laws.
- Do not litter, destroy or remove any vegetation, natural objects, or other public property. (See non-commercial harvest provision at the end of this list).
- Dogs must be on leashes except while engaged in hunting during established open seasons.
- Prohibited is motorized equipment such as snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles or boat motors (including electric types.)
- Camping or fires are prohibited.
- Horseback riding is prohibited.
- Firearms are permitted only while engaged in hunting during established open seasons.
- Placement or hunting over bait is prohibited.
- Nontoxic shot is required for ALL hunting (does not apply to rifle bullets or shotgun slugs).
- Blinds and tree stands must be removed daily. Damage to trees is prohibited (i.e. cutting lanes for shooting or the use of screw-in tree steps and stands).
- Possession or use of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.
- Shining or spotlighting wildlife is prohibited.
- No commercial enterprises are allowed, but people may harvest mushrooms, fruits, nuts and berries for personal use.

For further information regarding WPAs, including additional regulations, or to request a brochure, call the Leopold WMD office at (608) 742-7100 or send an email to [Leopold@fws.gov](mailto:Leopold@fws.gov).

Hearing-impaired people may reach the office through the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

Get more information about Leopold WMD and other WMDs and Refuges in Region 3 (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin) via the web at: <http://midwest.fws.gov>. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service web site is at: <http://fws.gov> for information on other regions and current news.

\* Not all WPAs within Leopold WMD are open to hunters. Blue Wing WPA in Ozaukee County and Wilcox WPA in Waushara County are closed to hunting.